

Remarks / Arguments

Claims 30-51 are pending in the case. Claims 50-51 are withdrawn herein with traverse in response to a restriction requirement.

Restriction Requirement:

In the present office action, the Examiner has grouped the claims as follows:

- I. Claim 31-49 "drawn to a method for cleaning a CVD reactor, classified in class 134, subclass 1.1 (+)";
- II. Claims 50-51 "drawn to a plasma cleaning (i.e., etching) composition, classified in class 252, subclass 79.1 (+)";

The Examiner has requested that Applicants make an election for those claims to be examined. In response, the Applicants has requested that claims in group I, or claims 31-49, be elected with traverse for continued prosecution. As a result of this election, Applicants are withdrawing the claims in Group II but reserving their rights under 35 USC § 121 to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims or request rejoinder at the appropriate time during prosecution.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement on the following basis. If the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. MPEP §803. Applicants respectfully submit that there would be no serious burden on the Patent Office to examine in this application all of the present claims because the subject matter of the claims is sufficiently related, e.g., a process for cleaning a substance from a reactor surface and a mixture for removing a substance from at least one surface of a reactor, that a search of the claims in any one Group would encompass a search for the subject matter of the other Group.

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Should the Examiner require any further information, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned Attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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